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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE FOR COBOEN

ACQUISITION OF RESEARCH NUCLEAR REACTOR

1. AMBASSADOR STEDMAN WAS ASKED BY CAPTAIN FRANCISCO MARIACA OF BOLIVIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (COBOEN) FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN OFFSETTING SOME OF THE COSTS TO BE INCURRED IN OBTAINING AN EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR REACTOR BEING DONATED BY NORTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY. COBOEN HAS RECEIVED A DRAFT CONTRACT FROM INSTITUTE FOR RE-SOURCE MANAGEMENT INC. OF BETHESDA, MARYLAND FOR DISASSEMBLY, CRATING, SHIPPING AND DOUCMENTATION RELATED TO REACTOR BEING DONATED BY UNC. IRM CONTRACT IS FOR \$100,076. NUCLEAR FUEL COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT \$161,837. IT IS ON THESE FIRST TWO ITEMS THAT COBOEN WOULD LIKE SOME ASSISTANCE. OTHER COST FOR CIVIL WORKS, BIOLOGICAL PROTECTION, CONTROL INSTRUMENTS ETC. AMOUNT TO \$250,000.

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2. COBOEN CLAIMS THAT IT COULD PURCHASE A
NEW REACTOR FROM CANADA WITH TWICE THE POWER
OF THE UNC NCSR-3 REACTOR FOR ABOUT \$310,000.
EMBASSY UNABLE TO EVALUATE ACCURATELY THIS
STATEMENT.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WIDE DISSEMINATION
OF THIS CABLE TO INFO ADDRESSEES AND OTHER
WASHINGTON AGENCIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
ADVICE FROM ERDA ON POSSIBILITY OF REDUCED
CHARGES FOR FUEL. COBOEN SAYS FUEL WAS DONATED
TO COLOMBIA FOR A RESEARCH REACTOR THERE. WE
ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ANY AGENCY PROGRAM
THAT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST COBOEN
WITH COVERING COSTS OF IRM CONTRACT AND/OR
FUEL PURCHASE. REPLIES POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE
MAY BE COORDINATED THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT.
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